GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT



Application No. 16334 of the Department of Housing and Community Development on behalf of Bright Beginnings, Inc., pursuant to 11 DCMR 3108.1, for a special exception under the provisions of Section 205 to establish a child development center for 98 children and 30 staff, on the first floor of an existing structure in an R-4 District at premises 128 M Street, NW (Square 557, Lot 849).

HEARING DATE: April 15, 1998

DECISION DATE: April 15, 1998 (Bench Decision)

SUMMARY ORDER

The Board provided proper and timely notice of the public hearing on this application by publication in the D.C. Register, and by mail to Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2C and to owners of property within 200 feet of the site.

The site of the application is located within the jurisdiction of ANC 2C. ANC 2C, which is automatically a party to this application, submitted a written statement in support of the application.

As directed by 11 DCMR 3324.2, the Board has required the applicant to satisfy the burden of proving the elements which are necessary to establish the case for a special exception pursuant to 11 DCMR Section 205. No person or entity appeared at the public hearing in opposition to this application or otherwise requested to participate as a party in this proceeding. Accordingly, a decision by the Board to grant this application would not be adverse to any party.

Based upon the record before the Board, the Board concludes that the applicant has met the burden of proof, pursuant to 11 DCMR 3108 that the requested relief can be granted as being in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations and Map. The Board further concludes that granting the requested relief will not tend to affect adversely the use of neighboring property in accordance with the Zoning Regulations and Map. It is therefore **ORDERED** that the application is **GRANTED**, **SUBJECT** to the following **CONDITIONS**:

- 1. The operating hours of the center shall be between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday;
- 2. The center shall not exceed more than 98 children and 30 staff members, or otherwise as indicated by the Department of Human Services;

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3. Any proposed alteration of the building shall be carried out in compliance with Historic Preservation Review Board requirements.

Pursuant to 11 DCMR 3301.1, the Board has determined to waive the requirement of 11 DCMR 3331.3 that the order of the Board be accompanied by findings of fact and conclusions of law. The waiver will not prejudice the rights of any party, and is appropriate in this case.

VOTE: 4-0 (Betty King, Maurice Foushee, Jerrily Kress and Sheila Cross Reid to grant).

BY ORDER OF THE D.C. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

ATTESTED BY:

SHERI M. PRUITT-WILLIAMS

Interim Director

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PURSUANT TO D.C. CODE SEC. 1-2531 (1987), SECTION 267 OF D.C. LAW 2-38, THE HUMAN RIGHTS ACT OF 1977, THE APPLICANT IS REQUIRED TO COMPLY FULLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF D.C. LAW 2-38, AS AMENDED, CODIFIED AS D.C. CODE, TITLE 1, CHAPTER 25 (1987), AND THIS ORDER IS CONDITIONED UPON FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THOSE PROVISIONS.THE FAILURE OR REFUSAL OF APPLICANT TO COMPLY WITH ANY PROVISIONS OF D.C. LAW 2-38, AS AMENDED, SHALL BE A PROPER BASIS FOR THE REVOCATION OF THIS ORDER.

UNDER 11 DCMR 3103.1, "NO DECISION OR ORDER OF THE BOARD SHALL TAKE EFFECT UNTIL TEN DAYS AFTER HAVING BECOME FINAL PURSUANT TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BEFORE THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT."

THIS ORDER OF THE BOARD IS VALID FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS, UNLESS WITHIN SUCH PERIOD AN APPLICATION FOR A BUILDING PERMIT OR CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY IS FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS.

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As Director of the Board of Zoning Adjustment, I certify and attest that on MAY - 1 1998 a copy of the decision entered on that date in this matter was mailed first class, postage prepaid to each party in this case, and who is listed below:
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